



Blooming marvellous!

TEN minutes before the official opening time, and already the crowds were gathering outside church for the annual Spring Plant Sale on May 22nd. Being the hottest day of the year so far certainly helped boost the attendance, and the opportunity to enjoy teas and coffees with home-made cake on the Vicarage front lawn proved popular.

"What a marvellous turnout," said organiser Anne Baker, "we had so many plants this year I thought we would have dozens left over—but the people just kept on coming!"

As well as being a good social event, the sale provides an excellent service to local gardeners. The profits made all go—appropriately—to the provision of flowers in church for the coming year.



And a 'tea-for-all,' too!

PENTECOST Sunday (sometimes known as "Whitsun") is the day when Christians celebrate the occasion recorded in the Bible (Acts II) when the Holy Spirit came to the first apostles and gave them the amazing power to speak about Jesus in foreign languages they had never learned.

Because of this first apostolic event Pentecost is sometimes called the 'Birthday of the Church' - which seemed a good enough excuse for the Youth and Children's Team at St George's to throw a party!

An open invitation to the party on Sunday 23rd May went to all children under 11 who attend church or any of the groups who meet in the church hall, who enjoyed fun and games and, as you can see, plenty of food!

There's a whole world to see at the Chesterton Festival this month...

THE Chesterton Festival 2010, which this year is to span four days between 25-28 June, has a fantastic array of events to celebrate community life in Chesterton.

There will be live music and entertainment and a picnic on the Green outside Brown's Field Community Centre on Friday, 25 June between 6-9pm, followed with a massive Family Fun Day on Pye's Rec on Saturday, 26 June between 1-5pm when events will include stalls, a funfair, an adventure zone and an Arena with music, dance and displays from local groups and from around the world—including the home-grown talent of the newly formed Chesterton Festival Community Choir.

On Sunday, 27 June an Outdoor Community Service will be held at Chesterton Methodist Church at 3 pm followed by refreshments.

The Festival ends on Monday, 28 June when the Chesterton Choral Society will perform a special Festival Concert entitled 'Water, Water, Everywhere!' at Chesterton Methodist Church at 7.30 pm. The programme includes 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo', 'Michael Row the Boat' and the 'Hippopotamus Song'. Tickets £6 (under 16s £3) are available at the door or by telephoning 501091 or 243190.

Other activities will include a floral display at St Andrew's Church, Old

Chesterton between 26-28 June, and an Open Garden at 17 Mariner's Walk on Saturday, 26 June.

Anyone interested in photography is encouraged to enter the festival Photo Competition entitled 'A View of Chesterton' - all details and entry forms are on the Chesterton Community Association website.

Organiser Sally Roden, the City Council's Community Development Offi-

cer for Chesterton, told 'Challenge': "Arrangements have been made for Festival programmes to be made available at local schools, community centres, churches and local shops from early June".

Further information is available from Brown's Field Community Centre on 420309 or from St Andrew's Hall on 306150. Sally Roden can be contacted on 517523.

Madagascar experience for Ellie

ONE of St. George's chosen charities for this year is the "Kitchen Table Charities Trust" founded by broadcaster John Humphrys. This umbrella organisation seeks to target small but vital projects that can make a huge difference to people's lives

with what seems to us quite modest amounts of cash. Church member Ellie Stonenly-Gradwell is visiting Madagascar to see first-hand the work done by KTCT and bring us news. Follow her moving blog at: <http://mymadagascarblog.wordpress.com>

Sunday Services this month:

Sunday 6th June—Trinity 1
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm United service

Sunday 13th June—Trinity 2
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd June—Trinity 3
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 27th June—Trinity 4
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am **Family Service**
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Morning prayer daily at 8.00 am (Saturdays 9 am)
Midweek Communion: Weds at 10.00 am

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Cambridge in the 60's at museum

FOLLOWING an appeal from the Cambridge Folk Museum for items for its exhibition on 'Cambridge in the 1960's', Janet Key of King's Hedges Road has offered her wedding dress and coat to the museum which she wore at her marriage to her husband Cliff at the Shire Hall on 15 February 1969.

"The museum were very keen to hear from anyone who has Cambridge related items from this period", explained Janet, "and I thought they would be interested in displaying my wedding dress on this occasion which like most married women I have kept since my marriage and of course, have only worn once!"

"The turquoise mini-dress and coat in broderie anglaise style was very fash-

ionable at the time and cost me £9-19s-11p, and I remember I bought it from Paiges of Petty Curie," she added.

If you want to see Janet's wedding dress and other 60's memorabilia call in at the Folk Museum at the bottom of Castle Hill - the display continues until 30 August.



Janet Key holding her pale turquoise wedding dress and coat which is on display at the 'Cambridge in the 60's' exhibition at the Cambridge Folk Museum.

Carnival time

THE 33rd Arbury Carnival is again set to explode upon the residents of this part of the City on Saturday, 12 June when this very popular and colourful event will take place on and around the Arbury Park and Community Centre in Campkin Road.

The theme for this year's event is 'The World of Sport' which has been influenced by the World Football Competition being held in South Africa at the same time.

The large procession has a shorter route this year leaving the 'Daily Bread' premises in Kirkwood Close at 12 noon and then following a path along Northfield Avenue to Campkin Road.

The Carnival is a great family day out with the procession and arena activities, children's entertainment, many stalls and fairground rides. Have fun!

Homes will now be built

A PLAN to build a number of dwellings on a site formerly occupied by part of the rear gardens of No's 9, 11 and 15 Green Park was finally approved by the City Council's North Area Committee on 29 April.

The applicant had submitted plans for the same site on several occasions in the past, but these had been turned down by the

committee because the design of the buildings was considered to be inappropriate for the location.

A new plan has now been approved to build five two-storey houses on the rear gardens site. This will require the demolition of No's 9 and 11 Green Park to make way for an access to the new buildings, and also to enable the construction of a new two storey building containing two flats.

'Back-to-Church' for Harvest?

CHURCHES up and down the country are signing up now for a national initiative called 'Back-to-Church Sunday' on September 26th.

Promotional material and a national campaign will encourage people who have lost the habit or become estranged from church for any reason to take that big step back over the threshold.

Here at St George's there are two extra incentives: It is the weekend of our annual Harvest Festival, and is the week of the month that we have a more relaxed style of service designed for all ages.

If you are someone who used to come to church, or perhaps never did but would like to try, this could be just the occasion to give it a try.

Liberal Democrats hold on to power in North Cambridge

CONGRATULATIONS to Julian Huppert who was elected Member of Parliament for Cambridge during the General Election held on 6 May, obtaining a 6,792 majority vote for the Liberal Democrats over Conservative candidate Nick Hilman.

Dr Huppert represented the East Chester-

ton ward on the County Council for 8 years from 2001, but did not seek re-election to the ward when the county elections were held last year. He is a fellow of Computational Biology at Clare College, Cambridge.

During the local City Council elections held on 6 May the Lib Dem candi-

dates continued their success of past years by holding on to the East Chesterton and King's Hedges wards. The results were as follows:

EAST CHESTERTON (Two seats): Sue Kerr (Lib Dem) 1477; Roman Znajek (Lib Dem) 1305; Kevin Francis (Con) 984; Gerri Bird (Lab) 859; Una McCormack (Con) 806; Dan Cooper (Lab) 776; Peter Pope (Green) 634; Matt Ellis (Green) 581; Anna Gordon (Camb Soc.) 137; Lib Dem majority 172.

KING'S HEDGES: Simon Brierley (Lib Dem) 1236; Elizabeth Hughes (Lab) 986; Matthew Adams (Con) 813; Alexandra Collis (Green) 274; Martin Booth (Camb Soc.) 92; Lib Dem majority 250.

St. GEORGE'S HALL USERS

Mondays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Mrs. Susan Lister: 420954

SLIMMING WORLD: 6 pm

Contact Cathy Shortland 293510

Tuesdays:

KETTLE CLUB: 10.30-12 noon

(1st Tuesday of the month)

OVER SIXTIES CLUB: 1.45-4 pm

(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)

Anne Baker: 423367

LUNCH CLUB

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

Arthur Clapp: 500220

RAINBOWS & BROWNIES: 5-7 pm

Julie Beaumont 321736

HATHA YOGA: 7.45-9.15 pm.

Sue Pocock: 366588

Wednesdays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Thursdays:

PRAM PUSHERS: 10-11.30 am

Patricia Abrey: 425915 or Elizabeth Newman: 424993

Fridays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-1pm

Saturdays:

CHESTERTON BALLET SCHOOL:

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Kings Hedges Holiday Activities

THERE are a number of activities planned for the long summer holidays at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way by the King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership, some free of charge and others with a small fee to cover the costs.

On Thursday, 8 July a Coffee Morning is to be held in aid of Diabetes UK between 10-11.30am the cost is £1 per person and includes a cream tea (aimed at the over 55s).

The Family Trip is planned to Gt Yarmouth on Tuesday, 3 August leaving Campkin Road at 8.30am, departing from Gt Yarmouth at 5pm. Cost-adults £6, children £3.

A free Family drop in for arts and craft will be held on Thursday, 5 August between 10-11.30am - children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The annual Teddy Bear's Picnic, with Jezzo the magician, will be staged on Thursday, 12 August between 11.30am - 1pm, which is aimed at families with

children under the age of 11 years.

There will be a picnic lunch and entertainment at a cost of £1.50 per family ticket (up to four children).

The following Thursday, 19 August a free drop in will be held for arts and crafts for children and beauty treatments for mums and carers. This will be held between 10-11.30am.

And on Tuesday, 24 August another family trip has been arranged to Hunstanton leaving Campkin Road at 8.30am, departing from Hunstanton at 5pm. Cost - adults £6, children £3.

Tickets for the two trips and the Teddy Bear's picnic go on sale on Wednesday, 30 June from 37 Lawrence Way at 10am for King's Hedges residents - from 7 July for those who live outside King's Hedges.

Contact Marie Cassidy on 508197 for further information.

Church isn't only on Sundays...



Paddy Pine, St George's oldest member, chats to Vicar, Stephen Bowring after a Wednesday service

IF you mention church to most people, they probably immediately think of Sundays. The growth nationally in midweek services is one way that churches are addressing a changed society, with so many more people on shifts or with other activities to fit in.

Paddy Pine, who lives at Ellis House off Arbury Close, is almost certainly the oldest member of St George's congregation at the remarkable age of 96, and is one of our most regular attendees—even though many members of St George's may not have met Paddy for she rarely attends Sunday worship, preferring instead the Wednesday morning communion service.

Paddy, who was born in Kingsbridge, South Devon only a few weeks before the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, was a very keen cyclist for many years helping to raise money annually in sponsorship for the Historic Churches Trust.

"My family arranged for me to ride on a tandem when I reached my 90th birthday", she recalled, "but I'm afraid the trip didn't last very long as I just couldn't get use to this form of transport."

Paddy, who has three sons and a daughter, was married to William until his death in 1961. She worked as a librarian at the University of Cambridge until her retirement.

Distributors needed for your 'Challenge'

MANY thanks to Beryl Keeble of Atkin's close who has delivered copies of 'Challenge' into parts of Campkin Road for several years and who is about to move to Freeman House, Inverness Close, where the Hundred Houses Society has built a new housing scheme of 40 apartments.

Beryl says she wants to continue to deliver the newspaper, but nearer to her new home, so if anyone could help in the Campkin Road area please contact Don Flory on 424916 or Lil Speed on 425945.

Distributors are also needed for the Discovery Way and parts of the Maitland Avenue areas of the parish.

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St George's Clubs

ST GEORGE'S continues to hold a number of activities during summer months.

The regular meetings of the Kettle Club carry on this month on Tuesday, 1 June between 10.30am-12 noon in the church hall, followed the following Saturday, 5 June with a Trade Fair Coffee Morning in church between 10am-12 noon.

The Over 60's club meet in the church hall on Tuesday, 8 June at 1.45pm when Wing Commander Bob Carr OBE from the Soldiers, Sailors, and Air Force Association will be the speaker, followed on 22 June with a Summer Outing to the Scotsdale Nursery Centre at Shelford.

St George's Lunch Club meet in the church hall on Tuesday, 15 June at 12.30pm - please let Arthur Clapp know if you are unable to attend by ringing 500220.

Help Needed

ST GEORGE'S PramPushers, who meet on Thursday mornings during term time in the church hall for play activities for pre-school children and their parents and carers, urgently need more adult voluntary help to prepare and serve drinks and biscuits, etc.

Anyone who is interested in helping at this very popular group is asked to contact Elizabeth Newman on 424993 or Gill Callcut on 314018.

Sunshine Group

Janis Harvey will be entertaining members of the over 55s Sunshine Group at the Brown's Field Community Centre on Monday, 7 June at 1.30pm. Bingo session for members will take place two weeks later on Monday, 21 June.

Arbury TG

MEMBERS of the Arbury Townswomen's Guild will meet at the Arbury Community Centre on Thursday, 17 June at 2.30pm when a lady plumber, Sarah Oliver, will speak about 'Beating the System!'

Grovebury Ladies

THE Grovebury Ladies Club meet at the Arbury Community Centre this month, 8pm, as follows: 1- Talk about Cambridge's Local History by the city's

historian Mike Petty; 8- Auction for club's funds; 12- Arbury Carnival; 15- Summer Cream Tea; 22- 'Cards and Jewellery', talk, Linda Attle; 29- Gila Margolin will entertain club members with her singing.

Cake decorating

A THREE -week cake decorating course will be held at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way starting on Tuesday, 8 June between 7-8.30pm. Those attending will learn how to pipe, make model icing, etc., in a relaxed and informal setting. The cost of the course is £7.50p and this includes all materials and refreshments. Places are limited so anyone interested in joining the course will need to book a place - call Marie Cassidy on 508197 or call into the House.

Eat & Meet

THE next 'Eat and Meet' gathering for those who run and head schools, local organisations and churches in the King's Hedges area will be on Tuesday, 8 June at the North Arbury Chapel at 12 noon. Local councillors and police also attend this meeting. A similar meeting for leaders of local Chesterton organisations and churches will be meeting for another Information Exchange session at the

Brown's Field Community Centre on the same day, Tuesday, 8 June at 11.30am. After lunch members of the Chesterton Under 5's Forum will meet at 1pm.

Councillors' surgery

EAST Chesterton Councillors will be holding a surgery at Brown's Field Community Centre on Saturday, 5 June between 11am - 12 noon. The next City Council's North Area Committee will be held at the Manor Community College, Arbury Road on Thursday, 10 June at 7.30pm.

Queen of Stories

BROWN'S Field Community Centre is to present 'The Queen of Stories' on Friday, 4 June between 12noon -2pm for children during the school's half term holiday. A picnic and story will be presented with children joining the Queen for an interactive performance of story, dance and puppetry. Children are asked to come dressed in fairytale costume. Tickets must be bought in advance, £1 per person (the occasion is not suitable for children under three), and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be obtained from Brown's Field, telephone 420309, e-mail: brownsfield@cambridge.gov.uk.

Help with controlling your finances

A NEW four-week introductory course to help people understand money issues, tackle finances and get back in control will be held at St George's Scout Group headquarters, Shirley Lower School, Green End Road this month, arranged by the Chesterton Children's Centre.

The first course, on Wednesday, 23 June, will be an 'Introduction to Money Matters', followed on Wednesday, 30 June by a session on 'How to budget better, record keeping, saving, banking and insurance.'

The course continues in July with 'Choosing Credit, Debt and Money advice, Energy Efficiency and Changing Fuel Suppliers' and 'Information Advice and Guidance, Training, Education and Employment.'

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